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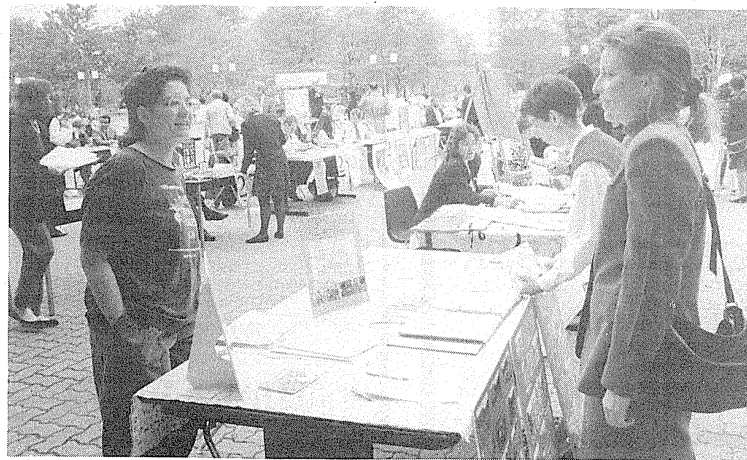


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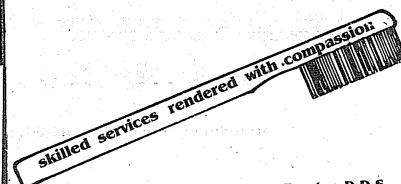
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## ANC 2D MEETING

7:30 pm  
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## SWNA/ANC

### At its May 11, 1992 meeting, ANC 2D:

1. Heard a presentation from Ralph Petragani, representing Air Pegasus, describing his company's plans to set up a heliport at 1724 South Capitol Street S.E. (Steuart Petroleum).
2. Voted not to offer any opposition to the proposed Coca-Cola/Reebok 3-on-3 basketball tournament, provided that the sponsors provide more benefits to the Southwest community. (The event is proposed for July 10-12 along Water Street SW.)
3. Referred consideration of Councilmember Jack Evans' bill (9-494) to amend the residential parking permit program to the ANC Land Use Committee for a recommendation for the June ANC meeting.
4. Agreed to send a letter to the DC Council advising them that the ANC considers proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan map of the Southwest area to be technical corrections and has no objections to them.
5. Heard a report on the status of the Office of Planning's efforts to devise a zoning plan to replace parts of the SW Urban Renewal Plan which will expire at the end of the year. (The affected area is "Area B," primarily the Capitol Park development.)
6. Voted to restate its opposition to the local 7-Eleven selling beer and wine and directed the staff to investigate whether the store's license conforms to the current law.
7. Voted to defer until the June meeting action on a proposal to share office space and equipment with the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation and a proposal to revise the Executive Director's contract.

The next ANC meeting will be 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 8, 1992 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to change, tentatively includes: a review of the zoning plan for SWURP Area "B," a request by the Army to close part of T Street SW, and various ABC Board applications.

### CHANGES IN SOUTHWESTER DELIVERY SYSTEM

Door-to-door deliveries to apartments and townhouses by S.W. Distribution has been discontinued. After interviewing many different companies, it has been decided that a neighborhood group will assume this responsibility. Although they will do the delivery, additional help is needed.

The head of the delivery department of the *Southwester*, Grace Savage and her assistant, Iona Hargrave are resigning. They have been in their positions for many, many years and feel that it is time for others to assume this responsibility. They have performed overall coordination, solving of delivery snafus, book-keeping, maintenance of mailing list and non-residential deliveries.

Although the *Southwester* does have a group willing to do the delivery, volunteers to do the above tasks are needed. If you are interested in seeing that the newspaper continue and if you have the time to help, please call Grace Savage (554-3474) for further information.



New and former SWNA boardmembers [front row, L-R: David Brewer, Laverne Reeves, Francine Vinson, Peggy Jackson, Apuala Brown, Anne Jackson, John Brown, Ronald Collins; back row, L-R: Harry Boissevain, Donald Macdonald, Margaret Feldman, Lonnie Murray]

### EMPOWERMENT FORUM

On Saturday, May 9th, a group of Ward 2 citizens, sponsored an "Empowerment Forum". It served to inform the public about the DC Administration's "Empowerment Centers" or "Neighborhood Service Centers". Speakers included Jack Evans, Ward 2 City Council Member; David Temple, Executive Director of the Mayor's Youth and Crime Initiative; Joseph Younger, Acting Coordinator of the Shaw Empowerment Center; Clinton Boyd, Coordinator of the Sursum Cordam Empowerment Center; and Robert Weaver, Coordinator of the Southwest/Southeast Empowerment Center.

The overall theme of the Forum revolved around empowerment of the citizens through information about programs provided by the city and self-help programs. Jack Evans emphasized

the need for DC to develop a comprehensive program which would attract business, thereby providing jobs and an increased tax base. David Temple spoke of the impact of poverty and racism on youth in the city and the need to provide guidance and role-models, especially for young black men. The three Empowerment Center Coordinators were in agreement on the positive impact of their work in the neighborhoods where they are able to be involved with the people they serve rather than working from a central location removed from the neighborhood.

The guest speakers answered questions and participated in discussion with the audience. Everyone agreed that they had greatly benefitted from the four hour meeting and all looked forward to more dialogue in the future.

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### THROUGH THE EYES



Bowen E.S. principal, Edward Wells

### MEASURE UP TO LEARN AT BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

by Virginia DeVine

In these days of doom and gloom about big city schools, it's good to hear of all the positive things going on at Anthony Bowen Elementary School at Delaware Avenue and M Street. We read in the papers and hear on TV about school overcrowding, listless students, top-heavy administrative staffs, lack of extracurricular activities, and worse. But this is not true at Bowen.

One of the main reasons for the happy situation there is Edward Wells, principal for the last twelve years. On a recent, busy morning, he told a visitor a little about his background and about some of the things that make the school tick.

Wells is a native Washingtonian (as were his parents), attended District schools, got his BA degree on a basketball scholarship (he is a tall man) at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College. He went on to Columbia University in New York for his MA. Returning to Washington in 1959, he taught math at Kelly Miller Junior High; later, he was a counselor at Stuart Jr. High. In 1970 he moved to Randall as assistant principal, becoming principal there in 1972.

But he would much rather talk about Bowen and the kids than about himself.

First, the visitor is surprised to hear the average size of the classes - 20 students - which Mr. Wells calls "reasonable" and the visitor calls "great". How is it possible to keep the ratio so low? It has something to do with the roughly 20 volunteers working at Bowen daily and a lot to do with the primacy of teaching over administration. There are 26 staff members at Bowen; 23 are teachers. The other three include the guidance counselor, the secretary-administrative assistant and the principal. The principal wears many hats - as he says, "principal, receptionist, sometimes nurse, you name it." The door to his office is always open and he answers his own phone.

There is a full-time music teacher (very popular), a full-time teacher for remedial reading, and part-time instructors in physical education and computers. A pre-kindergarten

class is provided along with three kindergartens. The 20 volunteers, a truly essential part of the whole program, are woven into the school-day. Most as aides to help with such jobs as marking papers and class management.

Very high on the list of what makes this school work so well are the extracurricular activities. Central to these are the after-school tutorial programs. There are about 50 kids, grades 1 - 6, and four teachers involved in the largest of two workshops every day. The second tutorial workshop comes under "Chapter One" and receives subsidies and equipment from government sources. One teacher, an aide and 12 students are involved here.

Another important and popular program is science-oriented Learning Trees/Young Technocrats. Sixty to seventy students participate from 7:00 to 9:00 am and again from 3:00 to 6:30 pm learning about rocketry, robotics and computers. Student-built rockets were recently displayed on the playground and it was a tremendous success. The rockets "went out of sight."

The Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Club is busy with athletics year-round every afternoon until around 9:00 pm. Three or four police help daily. The kids love it.

Last, but definitely not least, is the support given under the Military Education Partnership. Personnel from the Navy Yard on M Street and the Coast Guard unit at Buzzard Point are allowed release-time to work at Bowen, one of the several neighborhood schools in the partnership program. The military usually spend a pre-arranged hour or two a week working with the children. They assist with one-on-one small group tutoring in such skills as math, reading and computers, and provide all kinds of support services including research and monitoring. They supply needed educational equipment and are immensely helpful at holiday times and on special occasions. A favorite outing for the kids is to go to the Navy Yard and to the wonderful Navy Museum. For their part, the Navy and the Coast Guard people are glad to get out into the community and to know that they are helping.

It's clear that the students at this fine school are given opportunities to learn and "stay off the streets" from 7:00 in the morning until 9:00 at night - a wonderful achievement for any community. Principal Wells says that in these times the schools have "a disproportionate civic and social responsibility." And Bowen is measuring up to it.

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Joy Demas at SWNA meeting  
NIH Bone Marrow representative



Michelle Edwards bears balloons  
Amidon E.S. 4th grader



Thelma Jones on the left,  
presents award to Anne Phillips



Barbara Hurlbutt doesn't but Jeannie  
"Smile of the Month" Macdonald knows

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## COMMUNITY



Sonya Sims, special assistant to Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, brings greeting from the Mayor's office

### **YATF CELEBRATES TEN YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO SOUTHWEST YOUTH**

The Tenth Anniversary Celebration of the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) at Harbour Square Club Room could have easily been billed as the Grammy Awards. It was an evening full of excitement and anticipation, delightful refreshments, outstanding performances, proud honorees, remarkable speeches and a savvy emcee.

Emcee Thelma Jones warmly welcomed the group and subsequently read a welcome letter from YATF Chairperson Dr. Beryl C. Rice, who was attending a National YWCA of USA board meeting in Phoenix, Arizona. Singer Robin "Sugar" Williams, whose career is continuously on the move, teamed up with Nathan Heathman, music director for recording artist Jean Carne, and serenaded us with "That's What Friends are For" and "Wind Beneath My Wings" in a salute to the supporters and honorees.

SWNA President David Brewer, Special Assistant to the Mayor Sonya Sims, and Ward II Councilmember Jack Evans delivered greetings. Councilmember Evans also presented the Task Force with a ceremonial resolution, a \$250 check, a commitment to employ a youth in his office and to be a continued supporter.

Involving the youth in the celebration, YATF Member Gregory Bargeman directed a humorous but serious skit on the importance and benefit of working with the S.W. Summer Jobs Program, as opposed to "just hanging out for the summer and doing nothing." YATF students LaToya King, Tennille Walton, and Kiera Proctor participated in the skit.

The highlight of the evening was the recognition of the honorees who exemplified the mission of the Task Force. Founding Member Annie King Phillips reminisced about the early years of the program in her acceptance speech.



L-R: Ron Britt, Jann Buller, Ethel Williams, Jack Evans, David Brewer, Willie Borden, and Jeanie Macdonald at YATF fundraiser



L-R: Latoya King, Tennille Walton, Greg Bargeman, and Kiera Proctor performed

Honoree Jacquelyn Matthews was recognized for being a supportive parent. She currently has two sons in the program and a graduate daughter Lisa Matthews who was the epitome of a YATF student. Former YATF student Wyatt Green, who recently graduated from Shaw University (Raleigh, NC), was recognized for his long time participation in the program.

At the end, our dynamic performers Heathman and Williams teamed up again in a finale rendition of "Home," an appropriate tune culminating an event that united an array of friends, parents, civic leaders, political allies, civil servants and businesses for a common goal.

The YATF raised over \$3,500, with funds still being received. Interested supporters can still send contributions payable to the Southwest Community Council, Inc. and mail it to the Youth Activities Task Force, P.O. Box 70341, Washington, D.C. 20024.

The YATF gratefully acknowledges the following patrons: Walter H. Brooks, Philip S. Brown, Eugene Buehler, Jann Buller, Joyce Cook, Daniel Felger, Dale MacIver, Justice Thurgood Marshall, William McAfee, Jane Darby School, Dr. Beryl C. Rice & Attorney David E. Rice, Dr. Michael Teitler, Chairman John A. Wilson, Anne Weinberg; Sponsors:

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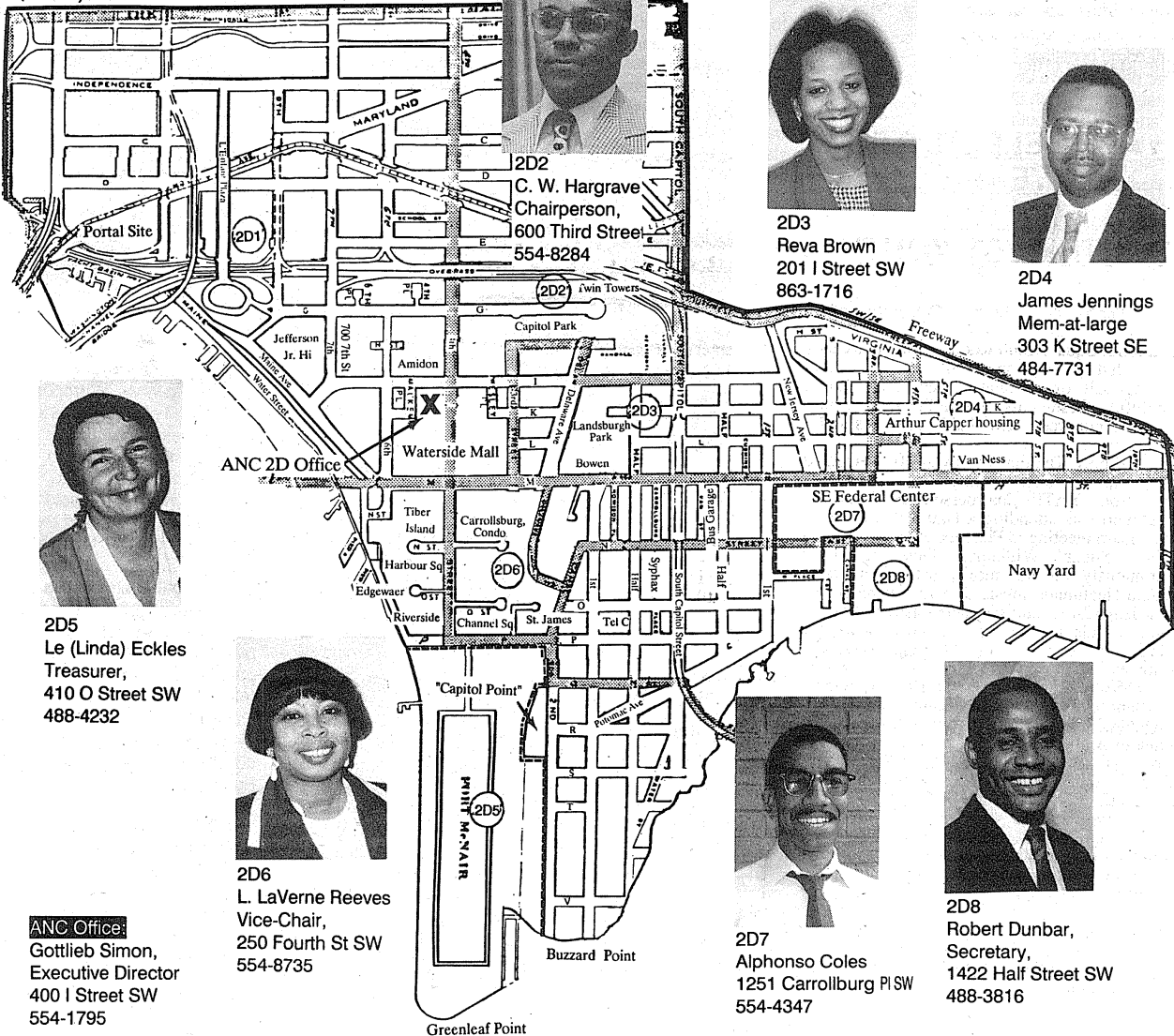
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## Community Report

6/92

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## INTRODUCTION

This is a modified version of ANC 2D's FY91 Annual Report. District law requires ANCs to submit an annual report summarizing the important problems perceived by the Commission, Commission activities, the ANC's financial status, recommendations for action by the District government, and recommendations for improving the operation of the ANCs.

## CRIME

Crime and security issues remain at the top of area concerns. Neighborhood anti-crime coalitions ("Orange Hat" patrols) have been established in both SW and SE. In addition, the Southeast Coalition in coordination with the TEAM ("Talented Educated And Makin' It") project has sponsored anti-drug marches. Residents have expressed concern about security at Waterside Mall, along 4th Street SW, and at area public housing properties.



## FEDERAL JAIL

Following the Federal Bureau of Prison's identification of 701 Street SE as a potential site for a new federal jail, residents of the SW/SE told the Commission that they are vehemently opposed to construction of such a facility. Residents are concerned about loss of property values, an increase of crime, loss of land to the tax rolls, increased traffic problems, and harmful impact on historic vistas. The Commission unanimously voted to oppose the proposal and provided testimony at the BOP's environmental impact statement scoping meeting. The Commission will continue to work on the issue during 1992.

## PUBLIC HOUSING

The condition of public housing continues to be an issue of community and Commission concern. FY91 began with great concern about the future of 203 N Street. Outgoing-Mayor Barry held a meeting to discuss the problem. At year's end, Mayor Dixon launched a major initiative dubbed Operation Rebound at 203 N Street involving physical and operational changes at 203. The Commission is hopeful that this effort will mark the beginning of a total turnaround at this property.

In addition to its concern about 203 N and the general operation of DPAH, the ANC also expressed concern about: security problems at 601 L SE; fire safety problems at 1200 Delaware; vacant units on 3rd SW; the status of 625 K SE; and plans for the Ellen Wilson property.

Finally the Commission voted to assist a pro bono team of attorneys from Covington & Burling. They are trying to get the District government to speed up the return of the many vacant units to active use.

Related to this effort, the Commission also voted to re-endorse legislation that would: 1) require the Mayor to file monthly status reports on public housing, and 2) require the Council to hold monthly oversight hearings.



Operation Rebound in Action

## WATERSIDE MALL.

Another perennial issue for the Commission has been Waterside Mall. The problems of the Mall include services at the stores as well as lack of security and changes in parking policies at the mall.

**Safeway.** The Commission has been in frequent contact with the manager of the Waterside Mall Safeway store. Among the topics discussed with the manager at meetings or in follow-up conversations: the seafood department offerings, the new mini-bakery, security concerns, poor quality of produce, diminished service in the evening and on weekends, service problems on the first of the month, lack of sale merchandise, and mall parking rules.

**Peoples.** The manager of the Peoples' Waterside Mall store attended a Commission meeting to explain management efforts to improve the store. The Commission and members of the audience listed complaints that included long waiting times for prescriptions, lack of advertised sales items, late opening and early closing.

## ADDITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS

**Police Parking.** Problem. The new MPD fleet management facility at Half and P SW spawned a great amount of illegal parking all around the facility. Illegally parked cars included police department vehicles as well as private cars driven by MPD employees. The Commission has complained to the facility commander and to Police Chief Isaac Fulwood. [The problem hasn't been resolved yet to the satisfaction of adjacent neighbors.]



Back row: James Jennings, w. Lloy Robert Dunbar. Front row: L. LeVern Brown.

**Green Line.** Residents wanted to know if the Green Line would really begin operating in the 2D area in 1991. In response to these concerns, the ANC wrote to WMATA. [General Manager David Gunn answered that it definitely would; and, of course, at the very end of December, 1991 the subway began operations.]

**Bus Stop.** The Commission received a request from residents of the 800 block of 4th Street to move the (southbound) bus stop at 4th and G. However, following the results of a poll of residents of SMD 2 strongly in favor of keeping the bus stop, the ANC voted to oppose moving the stop.

**Bus Changes.** In response to WMATA proposals to change and eliminate bus service in Southwest, Commission requested the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to hold a hearing in Southwest on the proposal to change the bus routes serving the southwest area. The ANC also asked Councilmember Mason for her support for such a hearing, and requested The Southwester to publish an article on this issue. [Metro eventually held off changes in the Route 60 until the Green Line opened, and they cancelled plans to abolish the M-2 Route.]

**Gran Prix Auto Race.** The International Management Group, proposed that Southwest host a Gran Prix auto race. The idea, however, generated strong neighborhood opposition. [It now appears that the sponsors are looking for other sites, perhaps, in





Simon, C. W. Hargrave, and Williams, Le Eckles, and Reva

## PLANNING & ZONING.

The first section of the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan (SWURP), "area B," will expire at the end of 1992. The city's comprehensive planning law calls for the establishment of a Task Force to plan for the re-institution of zoning when the SWURP ends. The ANC pressed the District government to set up this Task Force and take the other necessary steps as quickly as possible. [By the spring of 1992, the Office of Planning had developed a draft zoning plan for the area. The Zoning Commission will probably schedule public hearings on the proposal for late summer.]

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beneficial, and harmful, impacts on the existing ANC 2D area, the Commission has devoted considerable time and effort to following plans for the Buzzard Point area. This included participating in a public-private planning effort being coordinated by the Federal City Council under contract to the Office of Planning and participating in Zoning Commission hearings on "Capitol Point."

### "Capitol Point"

The ANC maintained at hearings before the Zoning Commission that "Capitol Point," a development next to Fort McNair proposed by Riverside Associates, is too massive and too high for the site. (The proposal includes 1.4 million square feet of buildings, 2/3 commercial and 1/3 residential.) The Commission also voted not object to closing a portion of R Street that lies within the project area provided the District receives compensation that is commensurate with the value of the land.

### Chevron Site.

Boston Properties wants to build an office building on the site of the now-closed Chevron service station at 4th and E SW. They requested that the ANC endorse their proposal, which included making the Wiley Branton CDC a limited partner. After extensive negotiations, the Commission approved the Boston Property-Wiley Branton CDC agreement. The Commission also agreed to forward the concerns of adjacent neighbors over the potential noise and traffic problems that the building might produce.

### Portal Site.

ACOG. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists requested that District government issue revenue bonds to aid their purchase of their headquarters building on the Portal Site. Following negotiations with the ANC, ACOG agreed to undertake a number of community benefits including providing educational programs at public schools in the 2D area and the establishment of a health scholarship program for DC residents, with priority for 2D residents.

Portal Height Limit. PDA has renewed its request that the

ANC drop its opposition to the height limit on the Portal Site. The ANC, however, has held up action on the request waiting for information that PDA has promised to submit.



The first phase of the Portals development is now finished.

### Other Planning and Development Issues.

The Commission is monitoring the proposed Plaza of the Americans at 4th and E SW (on the site of the former "Wax Museum"), and the Challenger Center at 7th and G SW. Both projects are currently "on hold," with the likelihood that Challenger Center will be dropped because of the cost of the land.

**WB CDC.** The Commission has aided the incorporation and organization of the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation. The CDC is an "umbrella" organization, coordinating efforts of the ANC and other SW/SE organizations, for involving residents of the SW/SE area in the planning, development, financing, and operation of new economic

### Zoning Cases.

BZA Case #15452. Federal Center Limited Partnership application for a parking lot at 300 M Street. Residents of the surrounding area objected to using this land for a parking lot. Based on a long list of objections, the ANC unanimously voted to oppose the application. [The Board of Zoning Adjustment, however, turned aside the ANC's objections and granted the application.]

BZA Case #15529. PSI Associates requested a variance that would eliminate the parking requirements for their new facility at 770 M Street SE. Concerned about the impact of parking on neighborhood streets, and following several meetings with the applicants, the ANC voted to oppose the request. [In the end, the Board of Zoning Adjustment granted PSI's request, but they added a number of conditions to take neighborhood concerns into account.]

### Voter Information

You may register to vote or change your address by mail. Post card forms are available at the ANC Office and at the SW Branch Library. You can more information about voting by calling the Board of Elections and Ethics, 727-2525.

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## MEETINGS

### Meeting Schedule

ANC 2D meets at 7:30 pm on the 2nd Monday of the month, except in October when the Commission will meet on the 3rd Monday. The Commission meets at 400 I Street SW (Westminster Church), except in August and December when it meets at a location in Southeast. To confirm the meeting location and agenda call the ANC 24-hour line, 554-1795.

### Public Participation

Any area resident who contacts the ANC Office (400 I Street SW, 554-1795) at least 24 hours ahead of time, may reserve a spot at top of the agenda to discuss a concern with the ANC. Otherwise members of the audience may address the Commission on any subject during "Audience Comment" later in the meeting.

### ANC Vacancies

The ANC was without representation from 2D07 for nearly all of FY91. Former Commissioner Bonnie Johnson resigned in October and no one was elected to succeed her in the November General Election. Due to technical requirements in the regulations for filling vacancies, the Commission was not able to fill the vacancy until October, 1991, when it appointed Alphonso Coles. Commissioner Mary Peaks resigned her seat, 2D04, in June, 1991, and it remained vacant through the remainder of the fiscal year. James Jennings won a special election in November, 1991 to succeed her. Finally, in January, 1992, W. Lloyd Reeves, the long-time Commissioner from SMD01, and several-time Commission Chairperson resigned his seat when he moved from the District. A new Commissioner for 2D01 is expected to be named in early June.

## Q&A Q&A Q&A

### What is an Advisory Neighborhood Commission?

An ANC is a nonpartisan, neighborhood organization made up of locally elected representatives called Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners. The Commissioners, who serve two-year terms without pay, are elected in November in even-numbered years.

### How many ANCs are there?

There are 37 ANCs. Each ANC area is subdivided into a number of smaller areas, called Single Member Districts (SMDs) since only one Commissioner is elected per district. Each SMD consists of about 2,000 people. Although the SMDs must have equal populations, ANCs may vary in size. Thus the largest ANC has 16 SMDs, and the smallest only two. There are 323 SMD's city-wide.

### What do ANCs do?

The ANCs' main job is to be their neighborhood's official voice in advising the District government (and Federal agencies) on things that affect their neighborhoods. This includes zoning, streets, recreation, education, social services, sanitation, planning, safety and health. The ANCs also initiate recommendations for improving city services, conduct neighborhood improvement programs, and monitor resident complaints.

### Do the ANCs have any power?

Compared to the Mayor or the DC Council, the ANCs have little formal power. District law does say the District agencies must give "great weight" to the advice that receive from the ANCs. It also says that they cannot take any action that will affect a neighborhood unless they give the appropriate ANC 30 days advance notice. In addition, the ANCs receive District funding and have the power to rent office space and hire their own staff. On the other hand, the law bars them from initiating law suits. The ANCs most important power, therefore, comes from the power of involved and informed citizens.

### How is an ANC different from a civic association?

An ANC is an official, tax-supported, autonomous branch of the DC government with special rights guaranteed in law. Its members are representatives chosen in government-run elections. Civic associations, whose concerns often overlap with those of ANCs, are "voluntary" organizations whose money comes from fund-raising activities. They are "mass" organizations whose officers are chosen in privately-sponsored elections. They can, however, initiate law suits; ANCs according to the law cannot. Agencies must give "great weight" to ANCs but not to other neighborhood groups.

## FINANCES

### ANC 2D FY91 FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

BALANCE FORWARD FROM FY90: \$2,266.10

#### RECEIPTS:

District Allotment	\$28,831.20
Interest	\$278.09
Other	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$29,109.29</b>
<b>Total Funds Available (A+B)</b>	<b>\$31,375.39</b>

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7) Postage and Delivery	\$336.00
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9) Printing and Duplicating	\$914.11
10) Purchase of Service	\$0.00
11) Office Supplies	\$223.55
12) Office Equipment	\$2,083.45
13) Grants	\$100.00
14) Petty Cash Reimbursement	\$44.55
15) Transfer to Savings Account	\$0.00
16) Other:	\$2,306.71
Health Insurance	\$1,906.71
ANC Security Fund	\$30.00
DC Council Journal	\$53.00
Workmens' Comp	\$270.00
Misc.	\$47.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$28,246.51</b>

ENDING BALANCE 9/30/91: (C-D) \$3,128.88

### ANC 2D Loses Population and Funding

ANC funding is tied to the size of the ANC's population. In FY91 ANC 2D was credited with a population of 15,300 (12,400 in SW and 2,900 in SE). The 1990 census, however, showed only 13,642 living in the 2D boundaries, 11,562 in SW and 2,080 in SE. As a result, the ANC's allocation dropped from \$28,831 to \$26,370. The ANC 2D budget will receive another reduction in FY93, beginning in October. Because of redistricting, the entire SE portion is being transferred to ANC 6B. This means that the ANC population will drop down to 11,562. The FY93 allocation, therefore, is expected to be \$22,315, \$6,000 less than it was in FY91.



## Notes from the Chairperson

Since my election as Chairperson, I have been exploring ways and processes that will enhance the dissemination of ANC 2D information to the community to increase the feedback and comments from ANC 2D residents. One effort has been the development of ANC 2D meeting briefs with the assistance of the Executive Director. These meeting briefs have been excerpted for The Washington Post and The Southwester. In addition, these briefs together with meeting notices are being sent to ANC 2D organizations for further distribution. Another effort has been to publish proposed meeting agenda items prior to the ANC meetings. This will

enable resident to prepare questions and comments and inputs on anC 2D action. The inclusion of this Community Report in The Southwester represents another effort to provide information to the residents. The ANC 2D Executive Director, Gottlieb Simon, provides a focal point for information gathering and query answering. The names, address, and phone numbers of the current ANC 2D Commissioners are included in the Community Report for the use of residents. We welcome your comments and ideas for improving the responsive of ANC 2D to resident concerns and the responsiveness of ANC 2D actions to resident needs and requirements.

C. W. Hargrave

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### EARNING THE FACTS ON AIDS!

Ronald Collins

Incidents of AIDS is on the rise in the District. The following represents factual information about this disease so that you may be informed. Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome, or AIDS, is a life-threatening disease that impairs the body's immune system. The immune system helps the human body fight off common infections. The disease is caused by a virus, called the Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV"), and AIDS can be termed the end-stage of HIV infection. People who are infected with HIV are diagnosed as having AIDS if they develop certain serious diseases or conditions brought on by infections people are usually able to fight off. People who are infected with HIV often have no symptoms; it, the eventual destruction of the immune system by the HIV virus makes them particularly susceptible to the development of opportunistic infections.

The first case of HIV disease was reported in 1980, and became a serious public health issue in the District in 1983. Ten years to this health epidemic, over 213,641 diagnosed cases have been reported nationally, with a 63% mortality rate. According to the World Health Organization, a total of 484,148 cases of AIDS have been reported from 164 countries as of April 1, 1992, with a 50% mortality rate.

In the District, over 3,690 cases have been reported with a mortality rate of 64%. The Washington, D.C. area ranks fifth in the nation in absolute numbers of AIDS cases. Most disturbing is the increase in the number of women of childbearing age and African-Americans who are testing positive for HIV.

The HIV virus is transmitted by an exchange of blood or other body fluids through protected sexual contact, exchange of blood through the sharing of contaminated intravenous needles, or the so-called drug "works", and from HIV positive mothers to their babies at birth. Although an infant may be born HIV positive because it has shared its mother's immune system, it is possible that within 3-6 months of birth, the baby may develop its own immune system and show no traces of being HIV positive.

The symptoms of AIDS can be similar to those often associated with common illnesses [i.e. the flu, a cold, or bronchitis]. However, if one or more of the following symptoms last beyond several weeks, prompt medical attention should be sought: daily fatigue and loss of appetite; severe weight loss; herpes sores; black, blue, or purplish marks on skin; severe and persistent fevers; drenching night sweats; thrush [white coating or patches inside the mouth]; swollen glands; or persistent diarrhea.

You should also know that AIDS cannot be spread by casual or routine contact, or such other activities as hugging, touching, or shaking hands; living in the same house; riding the same transportation; eating in the same public place; or, working in the same office.

For more information on HIV disease and AIDS, please contact the D.C. Office of AIDS Activities, Department of Human Services, at [202]-673-6888.

Other telephone numbers for additional information include:

D.C. AIDS INFO LINE  
332-AIDS

D.C. SPANISH INFO LINE  
332-SIDA

D.C. AIDS TESTING INFO  
332-EXAM

NATIONAL AIDS HOTLINE  
1-800-342-AIDS

### D.C. TEENS and HIV

- About 58,000 youths aged 12 to 19 currently live in D.C.
- Between 750 and 1,500 teenagers are believed to be infected with the HIV virus, according to estimates from a five year study of about 12,000 youths ages 13 to 19 by Burgess Clinic, Children's Hospital.
- Since 1987, when the study was started, the rate of infection has increased from three per 1,000 to between 12 and 15 per 1,000.
- That rate is about 20 times higher than the U.S. rate.
- Nearly one in forty 18 and 19 year old males in the District are believed to be infected.

### METRO FARES TO CHANGE JUNE 27, 1992

The Metro Board today adopted a bus and rail fare increase for Fiscal 1993 that simplifies fare payment for riders and offers new fares for rail travel. The new fare schedule reduces approximately \$12 million in additional revenue needed to balance the Authority's Fiscal 1993 operating budget. The fare increase will go into effect June 27, 1992.

In 1991, the WMATA Board adopted a fare increase that would be phased in over two years. Under the plan, base fares for bus and rail travel will remain at \$1 per trip for the entire fiscal year. The fare changes that were approved last year that will become effective June 27 are:

- increasing the maximum rail fare from \$2.85 to \$3.15 per trip;
- raising the maximum rail fare for senior citizens and disabled riders to \$1.55 (the current maximum fare is \$1.40);
- increasing the bonus for farecards of \$20 or more to 10 percent;
- pricing Metrobus tokens at \$18 for 20 tokens (the current cost is \$17).

In addition, Metrorail off-peak fares will rise from \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 to \$1, \$1.50 and \$2, and most of the proposed Metrobus fare adjustments discussed at public hearings last March were adopted.

The new passes include:

- a rail pass for two weeks of unlimited travel that will cost \$50; and
- a one-day rail pass for unlimited travel that will cost \$5 and may be used on any

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If anyone feels that the Market is slipping, call the Hotline at 767-8424. The same goes for anyone experiencing odors from Blue Plains Sewage Treatment Plant.

Just the other evening, Mrs. Greta Frankelfeld noticed the Blue Plains odor again. She was assured that something will be done about this situation. Has anyone else noticed a bad smell recently?

- weekday after 9:30 a.m. and all day on weekends. The Family/tourist pass currently in use will be eliminated effective June 27, 1992.

The fare changes that were approved last year for implementation this year will add \$6 million in revenue. The changes approved that go into effect this year will add approximately another \$6 million in revenue for Fiscal 1993, which begins July 1, 1992.

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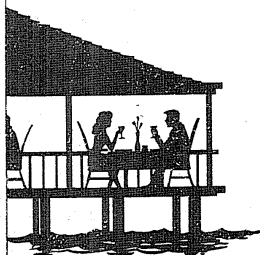
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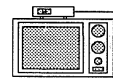
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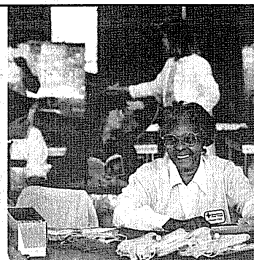
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#### THE RIOTS IN L.A.: A RESPONSE

by Pastor Michael Bledsoe  
Riverside Baptist Church

One year ago, our President, in Congress, and our Military led our nation into the desert sands of Saudi Arabia. he declared goal was the freeing of the uwaiti people from the tyranny of the Iraqi dictator, Saddam Hussein. Now, one year later, our President has sent troops into Los Angeles, not for the liberation of a people, but for the shoring up and defense of the status Quo.

The events of this past week are heartrending and even maddening. Surely, we in concur with the President that the brutal order of people and the wanton destruction of property should end. But we all plead for something more: we ask that the same energy, commitment, and resources pledged to a war far from our shores be expended on the emancipation of our own people within our own cities. I am, like many others, confounded by our nation's seeming inability to create Marshall Plans for other nations, but when it comes to the economic and social well-being of minorities in our own country, somehow the energy dissipates. Like you, I am appalled by the murder of people who were innocent and simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. But I am equally appalled by a continued neglect of our inner cities and the racism which fuels much of that neglect.

Twenty-six years ago, the National Committee of Negro Churchmen issued a statement on "Black Power". That statement stated something our President and Congress apparently unable to grasp: "powerlessness breeds a race of beggars. We are faced now with a situation where conscienceless power meets powerless conscience, threatening the very foundation of our nation." That statement is, unfortunately, as accurate today as it was on July 31, 1966.

All of us know that the travesty of the ineane verdicts handed down in the Rodney King beating case was and is simply the same. We are faced not only with the travesty of this particular case, but with racist justice which continues to trap and enslave men, women, and children. Yes, violence is wrong and it begets violence, but we as the church must plead with our leaders to understand that you cannot, lest you be a hypocrite, denounce violence by the powerless while at the same time withholding indemnification of that violence which denies people their past and a future.

We have our work and mission set it before us. Our particular church, Riverside Baptist Church, must reawaken to its storied purpose and mission. Together let us in these coming days speak with courage, love in compassion, and work passionately for justice. For Martin Luther King, Jr. has armed us, "Either we will live together as others and sisters or we will perish together as fools."

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### RUMMAGE SALE

A rummage sale will be held on Saturday, June 13, 1992 from 10 am to 4 pm in St. Matthew's Church at 222 M Street, SW. Books, clothing, collectibles, household items, crockery, etc., will be available for purchase. Persons will be available to accept donated items on Friday, June 12, from 12:30 to 3 PM at the Church.

The sale is sponsored by Chapter 2052, NARFE [National Association of Retired Federal Employees]. "Coffee and" will be on hand. Proceeds will benefit the S.W. Scholarship Fund and St. Matthew's Church. Everybody's welcome!

### SURVIVORS OF INCEST ANONYMOUS (SIA) SUPPORT GROUP

SIA (Survivors of Incest Anonymous) will continue to have weekly meetings for Women Only at the Riverside Baptist Church. The meetings will be held on Wednesday promptly at 8:30 p.m.

SIA is a twelve step Recovery Program for men and women 18 and over who have been sexually abused either as children, or as adults, by family members or anyone he or she trusted. SIA teaches that the individual is not responsible. There are no dues or fees.

### WHILE THERE IS TIME


While there is time, Lord, May I use it well.

It's gone in a moment, one never can tell  
Which day is our last one, with so much to do,  
All must be in order, when summoned by  
You.


While there is time, Lord, and life is my own,  
Let me bring gladness to someone alone.  
Renew a small hope, rekindle a dream,  
For shadows are never as dark as they seem.  
While there is time, Lord, let me not waste  
The chance you give me, I cannot replace.  
Lend me Your wisdom, that I may learn  
To give of myself, nor ask a return.  
Let me be gentle, keep my words kind,  
In spite of the worries, crossing my mind.  
And when at long last, life's sun starts to set,  
Let me have never a cause to regret.

by Grace E. Easley

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## WALKS THROUGH OUR NEIGHBORHOOD REVEAL TALENT, SPIRIT AND HOPE

Almost every weekday morning, weather permitting, Stan Williams positions himself near Safeway at Waterside Mall at about 7:30 PM. He wears an Orange Hat, symbol of the Southwest Coalition, our anti-crime, anti-drug abuse neighborhood patrol group.

Between 7:30 and 8:00 pm, he is joined by Southwest citizens who walk with him on a route that covers the Carrollsburg buildings, the Waterfront, Channel Square [where Stan's wife Margaret joins the group], Syphax School, and the Greenleaf buildings. The group walks to demonstrate respect for the parents, youth, and children who live along the route, and to demonstrate the need to keep the talent it finds throughout our Southwest neighborhood free from the cruel influences of drug abuse and crime.

And talent there is. Here's a poem - titled "Life", which was proudly shown by Jefferson student Eugene Smith to the Orange Hats as the group walked by his house near First and N Streets recently:

### "LIFE"

Life can be beautiful,  
Life can be dull,  
Life can be boring,  
So let's have a ball!  
When people ask,  
"how is your day?"  
Don't be sad, and  
turn the other way.  
Life has it's ups,  
Life has it's downs,  
Respect your lives,  
Stop acting like clowns.  
It doesn't matter what  
your job may be,  
Get your education,  
That is the main key.  
Some people are lucky,  
Some people are not,  
Don't be a failure,  
Give life another shot.  
Don't fool with drugs,  
And you will see,  
As long as you have an  
education,  
You have the golden key.

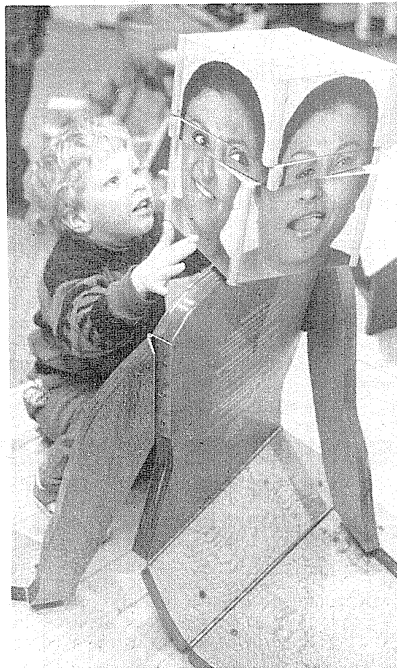
Eugene Smith

Your help is needed to keep hope alive for Gene Smith and all his neighbors, young and old. You are urged to become a patrol member, even for only one walk each week. Meet Stan at Safeway, or leave your name and phone number with the Southwest Library staff. Your walk through the neighborhood once each week or so can be helpful as part of an overall effort to protect its future. As an example of what's worth protecting, may Gene Smith's poem inspire you to participate.

## SUMMERQUEST and LECTURE SERIES

There are a number of activities planned in the Children's department, on the second floor, at Southwest Branch Library.

**June**-James Brown, storyteller, dates to be announced.



A child plays with one of the  
"reading faces" exhibitions

## PSYCHOLOGY EXHIBITION OPENS AT SMITHSONIAN

For thousands of years people have pondered the mysteries of human behavior. Now, for the first time, museum visitors can explore their own psychological processes -- thoughts, feelings and attitudes -- in an exciting hands-on museum exhibition developed by the American Psychological Association (APA) called **PSYCHOLOGY: UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES, UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER.**

This hands-on exhibition opened at the Experimental Gallery in the Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian on May 18, and will run through Labor Day, September 7. Following its display at the Smithsonian, the exhibition will tour nine science museums throughout the United States.

Planned to coincide with the APA's centennial, the exhibition is designed to introduce the general public to the breadth, depth and diversity of over 100 years of psychological research. This is the first major museum exhibition ever devoted to this scientific discipline.

**July**-Lynda Fong, storyteller, July 15, 1992, 10 and 11 AM; D.C. Department of Recreation Children's Theatre, July 31 at 10:30 AM.

**August**-Library Theatre, August 4th at 10:30 AM.

For further information, contact Ms. Rosemary Yorke, Children's Librarian at Southwest Branch.

The Summer Lecture Series will focus on African history and culture. They will be held on Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. at the Francis A. Gregory Regional Library at Alabama Avenue and 37th St., SE.

The dates of the lectures are June 6 - "Nubia, Black Guardian of the Nile", C.R.

## KIWANIS OF SOUTHWEST

The Kiwanis Club of Southwest Washington, D.C., an affiliate of Kiwanis International, beginning its fifteenth year of service in community. The Kiwanis Club has provided and assisted with service to the South Community House, Jefferson Junior I School, the D.C. Department of Recreation Parks, the S.W. Health Clinic and many civic groups and individuals.

As it begins this anniversary year, its motto remains "We Build for a Better Tomorrow." The major program emphasis is "Youth Children...Priority One." This program is geared toward the improvement of educational, recreational, health and social activities for youth in the Southwest community.

The Club is presently conducting its 1992 membership recruitment drive, aspiring to increase the membership of the club's residents, business and professional men and women in the Southwest community. Come join at the meeting, June 10, 1992.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: The Southwest Branch Library  
Wesley Place and K Streets, S.W.

The Club is looking for a few good men and women to help build a better community.

## FIRST POLICE DISTRICT GETS NEW COMMANDER

On May 1, 1992, Inspector William Sarvis, Jr., assumed command of the First District, replacing Deputy Chief of Police L. Albrecht, who retired on April 30, 1991, to become the Chief of the United States Capitol Police.

Inspector Sarvis, an 18 year veteran, the Director of the Metropolitan Police Department's Office of Finance and Resource Management Division before coming to the District as the Commanding Officer. Inspector Sarvis has also served in the Second and Seventh Districts as well as the Special Operations Division.

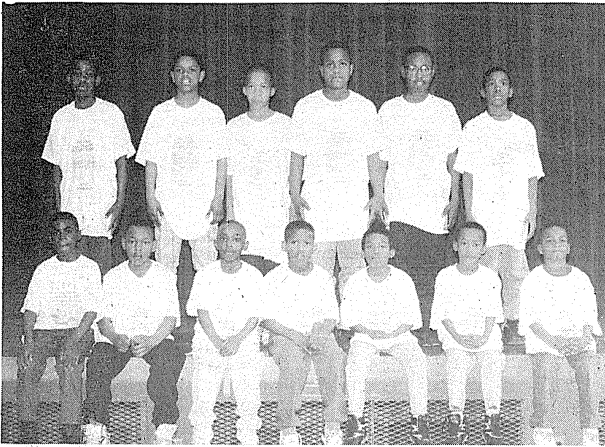
Last March, Captain Michael Radzilowski, a 22 year veteran, was transferred to the First District and assigned to Sector II, which is responsible for providing the police service in our area.

Captain Radzilowski, before being promoted to Captain, spent the last five years assigned to the Narcotics Branch where he supervised major narcotic investigations. Captain Radzilowski was also a member of the Metropolitan Police/Drug Enforcement Administration Force.

Captain Radzilowski is not only the police official responsible for providing police service in our area, but he is also a resident of Southwest.

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Gibbs; June 13 - "The Scramble for Africa"; June 20 - "Comparing the Educational Systems of Ancient Egypt & Colonial America"; Deborah C. Carter; and June 27 - "Africa's Gifts to America", C.R. Gibbs. Free Admission



Van Ness E.S. Trailblazers boys club range from ages 7 to 13, participate in numerous community activities

## CONGRATULATIONS

### MARTIN PURYEAR'S DEVOTION TO CRAFT

Sculptor Martin Puryear, was born and raised in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Max Elementary School, he attended Catholic University. His first solo American exhibition took place here. A retrospective of his work, documenting the full scope of his achievements, from the mid-1970's to the present, was mounted at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden. Organized by the Art Institute of Chicago, "Martin Puryear" was on view from January 5 through May 10.

Using such unorthodox materials as hide, earth and tar, along with wood and metal, Puryear has created a body of original and compelling sculpture that combines a dedication to craft and the handmade with Minimalist-inspired fidelity to simple forms. The associations evoked by his work range from the organic forms of plants and animals to the cultures of Africa, Asia, Scandinavia, and the Arctic. His style melds carving, modeling, and modeling for eloquent and eccentric forms that at once abstract and referential-familiar yet in with the possibilities of the unseen, according to the show's curator, Neal Benezra.

In recent years, Puryear has won wide acclaim. He was awarded the prestigious Arthur Foundation Fellowship in 1989, and the same year, Grand Prize at the Sao Paulo Biennial in Brazil. "Martin Puryear" will go on to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

### VAN NESS WATCH

Deonna Carter, a 4th Grade student at Van Ness Elementary School, has been elected Wide treasurer of the Lower House of the Student Government. Deonna has been a very active and dedicated member of the Van Ness Student Council throughout this school year. With the support of Ms. Cornelia Roberts Fuller, Student Council sponsor, and all of the students, Deonna pursued this election with zeal and determination.

The entire Van Ness School family anxiously awaited the results of the election and pledged full support while she serves in the role of Treasurer for school year 1992-93.

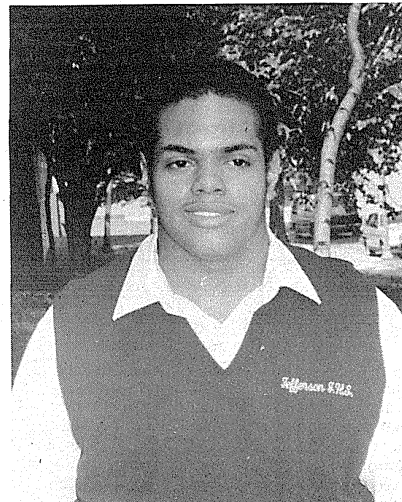
### ANTHONY BOWEN'S STUDENTS WIN IN CITY WIDE SCIENCE FAIR

Four students from Anthony Bowen Elementary School presented award winning projects in the City Wide Science Fair competition held recently. This competition was held for the science fair winners from the local elementary schools in the District of Columbia.

In producing a project for a science fair, the student must develop an hypotheses about a theory, conduct experiments needed to prove/disprove the hypotheses, present a written document explaining the procedure(s) used and defend all questions asked about his/her results.

At the local school level, Bowen students in Grades 4-6 produced nine first place winners, three second place winners, and four third place winners. All the students' projects showed an intense interest in many categories of science. The displays were the results of scientific inquiries in such areas as Life Science, Behavior Science, Earth Science, Space Science, Computer Science, Environmental Science and Physics. The nine first place winning projects were entered in the City Wide competition. Bowen's students received two first place awards, one second place award and one honorable mention award in this competition. Cedric Lyles's project, "Tracking the Moon" and Resa Wynn's project, "Computers in Education - A Must!", were first place winners. Tyrone Singletary placed second with his project, "Electrolysis for Space Colonization". An honorable mention was awarded to Columbus Wynn for his project, "Ionization for a Better Environment". The four City Wide winners and the local school winners were presented awards at a special science assembly held at Bowen.

Thirty-three Van Ness Elementary School students participated in a Career Shadowing Activity with employees of the United States Department of Agriculture on Wednesday, May 13, 1992. This is an annual event which allows students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 to spend the day at the worksite of the individual tutors who assist them at school. Both the student and the tutor look forward to this special day.



Damon Williams - 9th grader

### JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SALUTES

Abigail Blanchfield, 8-307, won second place in the Metro Awareness Poster Contest. She also won third place in the Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest.

Damon Williams, 9-304, participated in the NAACP's Act-so Competition and won first place in the poetry contest, and second place in the Oratorical and Original Essay Contest.

The Olympic of the Mind Team will travel to Boulder, Colorado on May 26-30, 1992 to represent the District of Columbia in the World Finals. We wish the team "Good Luck"!

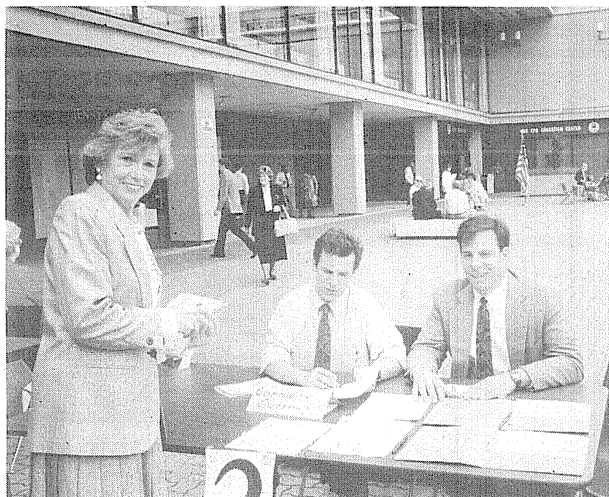


Abigail Blanchfield - 8th grader

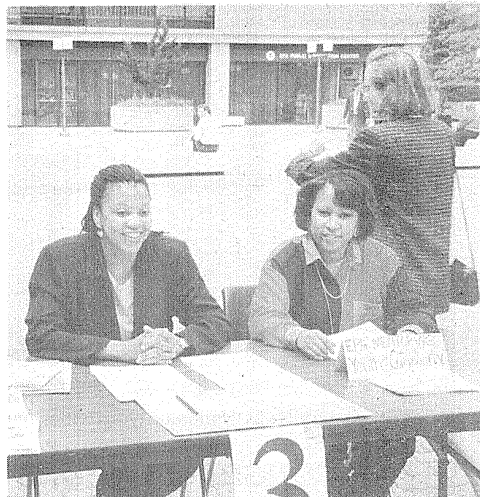
This year's activity was coordinated by Ms. Bernice Brown, volunteer coordinator and Mr. John Campbell, a USDA partnership ambassador.

The USDA and Van Ness School have been Partners in Education since 1984.

## SOUTHWESTER SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE



EPA coordinator Joan Schnell discusses Community Outreach with volunteer exhibitors



L-R: Vicki Anderson and friend are youth mentors

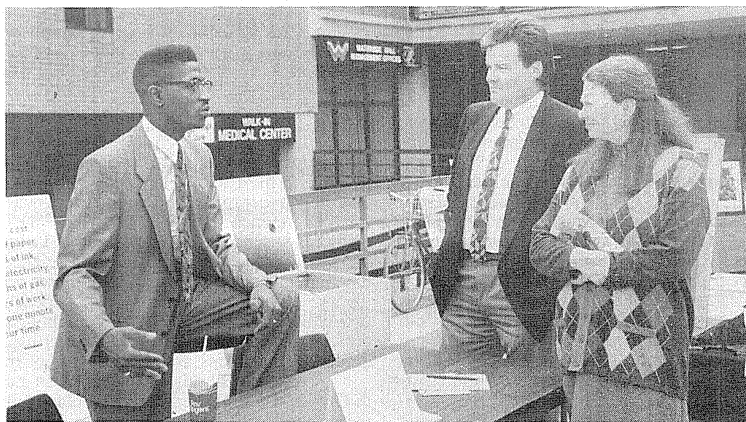
### EPA COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM

by Ramona Turner

Awhile back, employees at the Environmental Protection Agency were having a few problems with teenagers and young adults in the Southwest community. The problems ranged from pushing employees into the pond at the U.S. Park to rock throwing and even armed robbery. Other disturbances that occurred were problems at the Public Housing projects on Third and I Streets and also around the Waterside Mall area.

Naturally, these problems were a concern to EPA employees and it was looked into as to whether or not EPA had any type of involvement with the Southwest community. When it was discovered that they did not, it was decided that something must be done. H. Brooks Hamlin is Chief of the Security Management Section at EPA. He and co-workers Joyce Stewart and Renee Lawson, along with other EPA employees, decided to see what could be done about these problems. This is how the EPA Community Outreach Program came about. Mr. Hamlin and his co-workers got together with leadership individuals to discuss ways that EPA and the community could work together. The purpose of the Community Outreach Program is to establish a positive working relationship between EPA and the Southwest community. EPA also wants to work with community leaders, school, and police officials to address various social problems.

After meetings with various community leaders and police personnel from the 1st District, employees from the Security Management Section determined that some of the problems between neighborhood youths and EPA employees stems from a lack of positive interaction between the two. This is why it is important for EPA employees to become involved in the community.



Art Payne, shown in the middle, chats with volunteers

The Community Outreach Program is still very new, but they have done a few activities this year. For instance, they will be providing mentors for the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force. On Wednesdays, at Anthony Bowen School, Mr. Hamlin teaches a stress reduction class to adults and a self defense class to youths. Joyce Stewart and her daughter teach an artwork class there as well. Back in April, Earth Day was held where some community leaders from such places as Greenleaf and Capital Park were involved. There are many other future activities that the Community Outreach Program has in store for the community.

Mr. Hamlin says, "we want to become involved in the schools and with the youths because we have a strong emphasis on working with youths". They would also like to have a linkage between senior citizens and youths and maybe have some type of joint activity between the two sometime in the near future. Mr. Hamlin also states, "so far, this entire idea has grown larger than we expected; there is a great deal of work to be done with the Community Outreach Program and the response from community leadership has been a positive one."



Outreach coordinators Joyce Stewart and Brooks Hamlin attend YATF fundraiser